

## Vivian Kim

### About Me

I have been working for the City of Sunnyvale since 1991. Having a passion for teaching children, I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, a California Child Development-Master Teacher Permit, and am currently taking additional courses in Special Education. Born and raised in South Korea, I came to the United States in 1986—during which time I married my husband and settled in the Bay Area. We have three wonderful children together who are all grown-up now.

### In My Free Time...

I enjoy going on nature hikes – as the fresh air and animal watching are both relaxing and peaceful. I also like going

back to visit my family in Korea any chance that I am able.

### Why I Love Teaching

I love teaching young children because I am able to observe their creativity and development—particularly through their arts crafts activities. At such a young age, they are able to discover and explore the learning process. I feel that it is important to approach this through various activities involving reading, music, and dance in order to foster a balanced learning curriculum.

## Marie Bond

### About Me

I am a mother of five children and hold a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism. I have been with the City of Sunnyvale's Super Safari Preschool program since 2005.

### In My Free Time...

You can find me listening to classical music, exploring the beauty of nature's wonder, or watching one of my favorite movies: The Sound of Music.

### Why I love Teaching

I love meeting people from all over the world, which is what makes teaching here in Sunnyvale so special for me. Every time the class meets will be a cultural event. The diversity of all the people who live here is best reflected in our schools. I believe children are the best channel to reach our communities and bring understanding and harmony.

# Susmita Bhattacharyya



## About Me

I am married and have two children. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Geography and hold an Early Childhood Education Certificate. I have been working with the Super Safari program since 2010.

## In My Free Time...

You can find me listening to music, traveling to new places, and spending time with my family.

## Why I Love Teaching

I love working with preschool aged children and my favorite part is being able to offer them the opportunity to explore their surroundings and help develop life skills. I believe every child is unique, and I love learning new things from them. Every day is different and brings new experiences. My favorite activities to do with the children are arts and crafts and circle time, and I especially love talking with children about their thoughts and interests.

# Krupa Shah



## About Me

I was born in India and moved to California with my husband in 2000. We have two children and we all love to explore all the beautiful destinations of the Bay Area. I hold a Bachelor's of Commerce Degree in Accounting and a Bachelor's Degree in Classical Indian Dance. I also completed interior designing courses, but ultimately my love for children led me to study Early Childhood Development at De Anza College. I have been a preschool teacher since 2010, and have been with the Super Safari Program since 2013.

## In my Free Time...

I enjoy dancing, singing, shopping, and playing piano. I also volunteer in my Temple as an Indian Classical Dance & Music teacher.

## Why I Love Teaching

Working with children is what fulfills me, and I feel fortunate that my job is my passion. I believe that each child is unique, and I strive to provide a secure, caring, nurturing and stimulating atmosphere so each child can grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, physically, and so-

# Priya Krishnamurthy



## About Me

I am a mom of two girls, hold a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from India, and studied Early Childhood Education at De Anza College. I have been working with the Super Safari program since 2015.

## In My Free Time...

I enjoy cooking, spending time with my daughters, and going for long walks with my family.

## Why I Love Teaching

Young children have open minds and curiosity and are so receptive to teaching—which makes a lasting impact in their lives. I wanted to be part of that, which is why I chose to grow in this career.

# Sabahat Hasan



## About Me

I have been involved with children's programs at parent co-ops and elementary schools for the past 10 years. I have a Master's Degree in English Literature, a Bachelor's Degree in Arts, and a Certificate in Early Childhood Development. I believe play-based programs help to build important social skills in children, which lays the foundation for kindergarten and beyond.

## In My Free Time

I enjoy listening to music, doing embroidery, traveling and

cooking for my family.

## Why I Love Teaching

I love teaching because I like to help children learn and grow and achieve their best. There's also never a dull moment with smiles and laughter and new experiences everyday!

# Tori Gonzalez

## About Me

I have been working with preschool-aged children in recreation since 2010 and I hold a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Health Science Education from California State University, Chico. I am passionate about recreation, early childhood development, and the notion that people learn best when they're also having fun!

## In My Free Time...

You can find me traveling, gardening, spending time with my dog, learning more about other cultures, and testing out new recipes.

## Why I Love Teaching

I admire how silly and honest kids are, and I love being a part of a program that helps shape the future of this community.

## Fun Fact

I studied abroad in Torino, Italy, where (among many classes), I studied Intercultural Communication and Italian Cuisine, and also nannied and tutored English.

